



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆	Whole School Dress Rehearsal SWIS (9.00 am)	6 October
◆	Whole School Production (6.30 pm show starts)	6 October
◆	Final Day Term 3 (2 pm finish)	7 October
◆	Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	7 October
◆	First Day Term 4 (8.55 am) Tuesday following Labour Day	25 October
◆	Parentlink Meeting	27 October
◆	School Photographs	2 November
◆	Board of Trustees Meeting	8 November
◆	Owhiro Bay Community Fair	26 November
◆	End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆	Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆	Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December
◆	First day of school for students in 2012 (Monday)	30 January

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Nameste, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hello

With 'production fever' alive and well, there is a 'buzz' of enthusiasm and excitement throughout the school. Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who have helped students with costuming and learning the words to songs. We hope that you enjoy the performance tomorrow evening. To enable the show to begin promptly at 6:30pm, we ask that **children arrive at South Wellington Intermediate hall from 6:10pm...** this will also enable you to have your choice of seating for the show.

As the production means a late night for some of our younger stars, we are happy if you wish to let them sleep in the following morning. Teachers will be at school with activities in their room from 8.55am, however the roll will be taken at 10:00am. If your child does sleep in on Friday, please make sure that they are at school before 10:00am to begin the day's learning programme.

With school holidays about to start next week, we also encourage you to keep an eye out for our school grounds and buildings over the break. The teachers are here for a Teacher Only Day and may be working on site intermittently during the break. Also 'Kidsco' will be collecting and returning students to school for their holiday programme. However should you notice anything untoward during the break, please ring 111 to alert the police rather than investigating or approaching people in the grounds.

Hopefully your child has reminded you that your homework from the Board of Trustees is due into school. A big thank you to all the families who have taken the time to respond to this year's Board survey and have returned these already. By sharing your feedback and thoughts you are helping to guide the Board and School in future decision making to support your child's learning. Please note that the prize draw for those children whose parents/caregivers have returned the survey takes place at assembly this Friday.

A big thanks to everyone who is involved in organising or has already offered to help for the Country Fair next term. Remember to promote this great event with your friends and family, and look out for raffle or other items for the fair.

Last but not least, have a wonderful break from school with your children. We look forward to catching up with them refreshed and re-energised for the final busy term of learning from Tuesday 25 October (as Monday is Labour Day).

Ka kite  
Karen



## Thanks

To Gideon's mum Genna for pumping up all the sports balls last week—we really appreciate your help Genna.

To Millie Holloway's family for the alphabet stickers for Room 5.

To the parents/caregivers who loaned t-shirts, gumboots and hats for the Room 5 dance/production.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION "THE NATION THAT WE BUILT"

We encourage you to pre-purchase tickets as these are selling fast. They are available from the school office at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 children (5-16 years) with pre-schoolers free.

If you have ordered/paid for production tickets using internet banking, please notify Wendy so she can forward tickets once deposit has been made.

Students and teachers have one practice at the SWIS hall tomorrow morning. Please can you bring your child to South Wellington Intermediate hall from 6.10 pm as the show starts promptly at 6.30 pm.

Please note that there is plenty of parking on the asphalt at the south of the hall.

### "Production DVD"

"DVD's by Alan" a professional group, will be filming the production. For a small cost you will have the chance to enjoy the show then relive the memories on a quality DVD. It may even be a great Christmas present for the relatives.

### Costs:

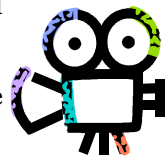
\$15.00 per copy. Orders close on Thursday 3 November.

Please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and send along with your money to the school office.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2 November 2011

Coming home with your child/ren today is the pre-paid envelopes for school photographs happening during the second week of Term 4.

**Please note: If you are having a family/sibling photograph, please collect the pre-paid envelope you will require from school office.**



Please have all envelopes and money returned to school **before 28 October** to ensure these are all processed before photograph day. Thank you.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property laid out in the corridor by the school hall (if wet) or underneath the shade cloth (if fine) for items that need re-uniting with their owners.

Any un-named, unclaimed items after the end of term will be donated to charity.

## PARENTLINK PAGE

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sausage Sizzle is **THIS Friday 7 October (the last day of Term 3)**— children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Students need to bring their order to school in an envelope with their name, classroom and number of sausages required which needs to be written on the outside of the envelope and the correct change inside. Profits go towards a new computer cow and laptops.



If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle—any first Friday of every month—please contact Rachel 3839.557 or email [rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz).

### The annual fair is in 7 weeks and 3 days!

**Date:** Saturday 26 November 10.30-2.00pm

The count down to the fair has begun!

Sign up sheets are now up in the foyers of the office and kindy and will be at the production tonight.

We'd also like to encourage you to start looking around your home for items to donate. Items such as good quality (no rips, tears, stains etc) books, working toys, tidy adult, childrens & baby clothing, unwanted gifts you'd like to recycle to a good home etc.

The stalls we have this year are:

Garden/Plants, 2nd hand clothing, baby boutique, face painting, cake & sweets, jewellery, coffee and cake, spooky maze, money game, photos with Santa, Organic produce, windmills and balloons, nail painting, hair braiding and more!

Do you know...

- Anyone who would like to come and sell their products at the fair?
- Bands, entertainers, string quartets, gymnastics or kung fu groups who would like to have an entertainment slot?
- Anyone who has a portable coffee machine?
- A barrista (or two) who can make good coffees?
- Anyone who can do hair braiding? or Hair cuts?
- Businesses that can donate items for raffling? Small or large - everything is welcome.

In the holidays can you...

- Assist with re-organising the garage? A small working bee to re-organise the garage to make room for everything. If you are free for half an hour or so in the holidays, we'd really appreciate your help. Contact Ishani or Yvonne.
- Make lolly necklaces with the kids? A fun activity on a rainy day. Lollies and instructions provided.

Next term..

- 3 more volunteers are required (one per day) to be at the garage each day for half an hour or so, to let people drop off items to the garage in an organised manner. Roster to start next term. You can choose a day and time that suits you. Times will be either 8.30 - 9.00am or 2.45 - 3.15pm. Contact Ishani
- Selling raffle tickets - To friends, family, colleagues. There are some big items that have been donated eg: Inter-islander 1 return trip for 2 adults, 3 children and car worth \$600, King Kong collector bookends signed by Sir Richard Taylor,

#### Contacts:

Fair Co-Ordinator: Ishani Noble

Raffles: Donna Graham

Entertainment: Sharon Leamy

Garden/Plants: Klare Braye

Advertising & signage: Matt Kyne

Books & Toys: Yvonne Trask

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Next meeting: Chris & Rachel Roberts, 21 Dargle Way, on 27 October at 7.30 pm

**PARENTLINK PAGE (Cont'd)  
MULCH FOR SALE**

We are still selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school at \$5.00 per bag., 5 bags for \$20.00 or \$45.00 trailer.

**A note from Whaea Lisa  
Kupu Hou (new word for the week)**

**Nga toi = the creative arts**

Pronunciation : nah-toy

**VIRTUES**

The focus for this week is "Flexibility" or "Ngawari-wari" which means being open to change. It means being open to the opinions and feelings of others and not always having your own way. When you are flexible you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn't work you will try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up [www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com)

**A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL  
CANTEEN BANDANAS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Canteen Bandana campaign when purchasing bandanas last week.

**STAR WRITERS**

This week Star Writers are:

Rosa Ketko-Trask—Pohutukawa (Room 3) Age 10 For putting a huge effort into writing a photo story about making curry.

Fares Fawzi Tawa—(Room 6) Age 8 For the effort he put in to produce a detailed letter to thank Carl at Carlucciland, including sharing Some imaginative ideas for creating new devices.

"Thank you for letting us play mini golf. It was fun. Thank you for letting us visit your place. I liked that chain man, the bridge and the Kickinator (women's boots). I would like you to create a teleporter. A teleporter sends a person to wherever he wants to go. I want to create a mind reader. It's what that you put on your head and its made out of wool (It is warm).

**“THE NATION THAT WE BUILT”  
PRODUCTION DVD ORDER FORM**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Room No.



Number of DVD's ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$15.00 per DVD)

**SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION**

Just a reminder that in Term 4 and Term 1 each year, children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. Please can you help them locate one and name this for use at school next term. The school does not provide sunhats so if your child does not bring one to school they will need to play under the shade cloth during breaks in Term 4, from Tuesday 25 October.

We also encourage students to wear sun block and sunglasses when they are outside during the summer months.

**END OF TERM 3**

A reminder that school finishes this Friday 7 October **at 2.00 pm** and resumes again for Term 4 on Tuesday 25 October **at 8.55 am.**

**Have a safe and happy holiday  
with your children.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Every effort is made to present accurate information.  
The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies.  
The Board is unable to accept responsibility for guaranteeing the goods or services advertised.

**KIDSCO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME—'CONNECTING WITH NATURE"**

We just can't go passed a "Spring" theme. It is such a good opportunity to bring nature into our lives, and in our experience, children just love to explore and play surrounded by all things natural. Simone has developed a great programme of activities to engage every interest and what better time to take advantage of nature than when Spring is beginning to make an appearance! See our attached programme for more details. Enroll online at [www.kidsco.co.nz](http://www.kidsco.co.nz) ; Phone: 04 479 7480 or email: [kids@kidsco.co](mailto:kids@kidsco.co)

**BOOK LAUNCH AND SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION DAY**

Book Launch and Science Demonstration Day at The Met Shop, 5 Swan Lane (off Cubs Street), Wellington, featuring Sarah the Scientist. Come down and see a real BOOK LAUNCH! Also try some fun, hands-on, science activities. Dr Sarah Kenworthy will be demonstrating her science kits on Saturday 22nd October from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. We will be launching the book (literally!) at 12.00 and 1.00 pm. Call in and see our amazing range of science experiments, books and toys, and try some science for yourself!

**GET OUT THERE!**

Get Out There! Sunday 30th October 11am – 2pm Frank Kitts Park, Wellington Gather up your family and friends and try out heaps of FREE outdoor activities for all ages. Live bands and spot prizes. Activities include: Sailing and fishing roller blading/skating/skateboarding Bike maintenance – bring your bike Unicycling Rock Climbing (\$3) Waka Ama

And more! For more information [www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/getoutthere](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/getoutthere) Cancellations phone 499 4444



# Owhiro Bay Country Fair News

## Saturday, 26 November 2011

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http://www.facebook.com/pages/Owhiro-Bay-Kindergarten

**Mark the date in your calendars**  
**Sat 26 November**  
**10.30am**



**SIGN UP TO HELP !**

- CAFÉ
- BAKE
- DELIVER FLYERS
- SET UP
- PACK DOWN
- GROW PLANTS
- DONATE DRINKS AND FOOD
- FLOATERS
- GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- AND MORE

**Coffee**  
**Do you know a Barista or two? —we would love to have them on board for our fair.**

**Car parking**  
 This year the fair will take place on Election Day. We will need to keep the car park free for short term parking for the voters.

## 2 months until the fair

Building on last year's inaugural and successful Owhiro Bay Learning Community Country Fair we are eagerly anticipating a fun-filled day of entertainment for all on Saturday 26 November.

A small and dedicated school and kindergarten team have commenced planning for this event.

*To help, we need you and your ideas, your contacts and your enthusiasm!*

Last year's event was awesome despite the weather, with attractions such as the fashion show, a bouncy castle and of course the helicopter rides that many of you enjoyed after the fair. This year we hope to do this all again — plus more.

Please do as much or as little as you can. The more help and support we have, the better our fair will be and the more money we'll raise for our learning community.

Email, call or text us to register your interest or pop your name on the board in the kindy or outside the school office.

**Ishani Noble 027 328 2602**

**ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz**

**Thanks to those who have donated and volunteered so far!**

### CAN YOU HELP US NOW?

**Donations for the raffles are required.**

**This is a big component for the fair and requires many helpers before fair day.**

**If you can lend a hand calling a number of businesses we would like to hear from you.**

**Donna Graham 976 8444 or jazzgraham@yahoo.com**

**Nic Furlong : furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz**

**Keep those donations coming through!**

**Donations of baskets, cellophane and ribbons also required. Thanks!**

#### Please Note

*The Fair this year will be held on a Saturday.*

*We will need many helping hands to set up at the kindy and school on Friday afternoon/early evening and a similar amount to pack down on Saturday.*

## How can you help this year?

- This year we are going to have a **Christmas theme**— can you provide materials and help create Santas Grotto!
- Do you have some decorations we can borrow?
- Helicopter rides maybe on site this year weather permitting— makes a great Christmas present.
- Do you have any Christmas contacts that would like to participate in our fair?— crafts, food, music, preserves and more!
- Do you have any old Christmas favourite recipes you can share?
- Do you know someone who sells real Christmas trees?
- OBLC Online Silent Auction— if you have quality items to sell let us know (proceeds to the Owhiro Bay Learning Community).
- Your ideas.....

**PLUS ALL THE USUALS—SIGN UP TODAY—THANKS!**

#### Tombola

**Can you donate a bottle for the Tombola stall?**